

IN HONOR OF DR. DONALD F.  
CROSSAN

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2010*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor but a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Donald F. Crossan, a Delaware native who devoted his life to his community and his career to academics at the University of Delaware. Dr. Crossan will be missed by many throughout our state, but his legacy lives on in the lives he touched through his service as a professor and community member, and with the agricultural academic scholarship endowed in his name.

Born in 1926 and raised in Wilmington, Don was a Veteran of the Second World War, an avid outdoorsman, and had visited all seven continents over his lifetime. Don's interest in plants, animals, and the outdoors was established early in his life. As a boy, he learned about hunting and fishing in the nearby ponds and fields and acted as an Assistant Boy Scout Leader. After graduating from P.S. DuPont High School in 1944, Don enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was stationed in Guam, serving as a tail gunner. Upon returning home, he married his 'girl next door,' Ruth Swanson, and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science at the University of Delaware and his Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Pathology at North Carolina State College.

Don spent his entire 39-year career at the University of Delaware, working as a Professor, Vice President of University Relations and Business Management, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Don's academic and administrative contributions truly embodied the tradition of excellence held by our state's flagship university; his knowledge, his expertise, and his dedication enhanced the curriculum of the College of Agricultural Sciences, as well as its focus on service to the University and the broader community. Among the numerous academic and community awards he received are both the University of Delaware's Medal of Distinction and its Outstanding Alumnus Award, the Arthur Trabant Women's Equity Award, and the New Castle County and State of Delaware Farm Bureau Awards for Outstanding Service to Agriculture.

An integral part of our economy in Delaware, agriculture is ingrained in our state's history and Don's leadership and involvement in this issue has extended well beyond the walls of the University. As the first Chairman of the Delaware Farmland Preservation Foundation, Don fought to ensure that agriculture would always remain a part of the fabric of our culture. He sat on a number of boards—including those of the National Corn Breeders Association, the Delaware Agricultural Museum, the Delaware Nature Education Society, the Newark Senior Center, and Longwood Gardens—and was Chairman of the Coastal Zone Industrial Control Board under three different Governors. Moreover, because of Don's direct leadership in the preservation and permanent protection of more than 60,000 acres of Delaware farmland, former Governor Ruth Ann Minner declared July 26th, 2001 as Dr. Donald F. Crossan Day.

Don was a loving husband to his wife, with whom he enjoyed entertaining family and friends in the Swedish tradition. With Ruth at his side, their recent travel to Antarctica saw them reach their goal of visiting all seven continents. Don will be missed immensely by his wife and their family, including his sister, Delores, his children, Connie, Donna and Eric, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

We in Delaware are grateful for the contributions of Dr. Donald F. Crossan as both a scholar and dedicated community member, and I am honored to be able to recognize and pay tribute today to the life of such a good friend and leader.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM  
F. McELROY, JR.

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2010*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William McElroy, Jr., a man who contributed greatly to Memphis, Tennessee's business and sports community. He was born in Memphis on May 19, 1929, to William and Kathryn McElroy. He graduated from Germantown High School in 1946 and later attended the University of Tennessee and Memphis State University—after which he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served 46 months with two tours in Korea. Mr. McElroy then returned to Memphis and worked as President in his family business, McElroy Insurance Agency.

William McElroy, Jr. made many contributions to the Memphis sports community. In 1958, he was involved in the creation of the University of Memphis' Tigers Football booster club, the Highland Hundred, for which he served as President in 1963 and Chairman of the Board. In 1963, he co-founded the Memphis Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame which recognizes top area high school and college football scholar-athletes. Mr. McElroy was a recipient of the National Football Foundation's "Distinguished American Award."

In the mid-1960s, Mr. McElroy was involved in the development of the Memphis Memorial Stadium which originally had a seating capacity of 50,160. In 1965, he was the driving force behind convincing Bud Dudley to move the Liberty Bowl from Atlantic City, New Jersey to the new stadium which was preparing for its grand opening. Mr. McElroy served as President in 1970 of the Liberty Bowl Festival Association and Chairman of the Board in 1971. The Liberty Bowl was such a success for Memphis that the stadium was renamed Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in 1976.

William McElroy, Jr. remained involved with the growth of the stadium for 30 years afterwards. Today, the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, now called the AutoZone Liberty Bowl Stadium, has a seating capacity of over 61,000 and is home to the University of Memphis Tigers football team, the AutoZone Liberty Bowl and the Southern Heritage Classic.

Mr. McElroy's enthusiasm for sports also included baseball. He helped establish the Service Academy Spring Classic, a baseball tournament comprised of teams including the University of Memphis, the Air Force Academy,

the Naval Academy and three other teams that changed yearly.

William McElroy, Jr. was active in numerous local organizations throughout his life. He served over 50 years in the Kiwanis Club where he was named "Kiwanian of the Year" and later served as President. Mr. McElroy was on the Board of Directors and Gala Committee for the Marguerite Piazza Gala, the longest-running annual charity event of its kind in Memphis that raises money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He was also active in the President's Circle at Christian Brothers University, the Grand Krewe of RaMet of Carnival Memphis, the Kroger LeBonheur Senior Challenge and Lindenwood Christian Church.

William McElroy, Jr. passed away on May 16, 2010, at the age of 80. He is survived by his children Trip, Mary and Susan, all of whom worked at McElroy Insurance Agency with their father. Memphis mourns the loss of Mr. McElroy, Jr. who was a leader in the community continuously involved with its improvement and overall a really nice guy. Thank you, William McElroy, Jr., for coming our way.

HONORING MR. HILTON R. SEGLER

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2010*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Hilton R. Segler, a man I am proud to call my friend and constituent. He is an accomplished public servant who has devoted his life to his community, state and country.

Mr. Segler was born in Ozark, Alabama and moved to Albany, Georgia in 1948. He graduated from Albany High School and went on to pursue several correspondence degrees in Law and Business. In 1957, Mr. Segler started working for Southeastern Liquid Fertilizer in Albany, Georgia, and then served as the Assistant to the President of Planters Chemical Company in Virginia. He then moved back to Albany in 1964 to work for the Thompson/Hayward Chemical Company and was appointed Regional Manager for the company in 1981.

Mr. Segler also has served the TIDA Farm Service Center as a salesman; his sales exceeded \$1.5 million in his first year, and \$3 million in his second year, thus proving his acuity as a salesman. In the early 1990's he purchased a pecan farm and farmed over 1900 acres of pecan trees for almost 6 years. He later started a nickel nutrient supplement company named Nipan, LLC in 2003. Products from his company have gained tremendous popularity in the last few years and are shipped all over the United States.

In 2002, Mr. Segler, along with Bucky Geer and James Lee Adams, testified to the federal board at the Risk Management Agency on behalf of pecan growers. His undying efforts helped pecan growers across the United States attain crop insurance. Mr. Segler testified before the House and Senate Committees on Agriculture in an effort to obtain larger provisions for the pecan industry in the 2008 Farm bill. Consequently, pecans were included in the Country of Origin labeling requirements and also in the crop insurance program.

He also worked to expand pecan exports to China and other agricultural economies, by